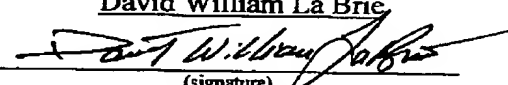


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This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 10, 2006 concerning the above referenced Patent Application,

Applicant has enclosed an amendment to Petition for an Extension of Time to make this response timely and compliant with 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: